



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 23 - 136

RESOLUTION

URGING THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD ELECTION PROCEDURES.

WHEREAS, § 2-17-101 of the Neighborhood Plan (2020 Edition) ("Neighborhood Plan") provides that the one individual, one vote, principle shall apply in all Neighborhood Board elections; and

WHEREAS, the recent Honolulu neighborhood board elections have raised concerns due to reported computer malfunctions resulting in online voting difficulties and unexpectedly low voter participation in neighborhoods known for high levels of civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, these issues have led to questions about the integrity of the election results and the fairness of the election process; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Plan § 2-17-103 provides that the Neighborhood Commission ("Commission") shall appoint a Chief Monitoring Officer, independent from the Commission, who shall observe the conduct of each neighborhood board election and report the results to the Neighborhood Board Chief Elections Officer; and

WHEREAS, City and County of Honolulu administrators, including the Managing Director, the Neighborhood Board Executive Secretary, and Department of Information Technology staff, are investigating reports of neighborhood board election voting irregularities; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is crucial for the public to have confidence in the conduct of neighborhood board elections and for any irregularities or issues to be thoroughly investigated and addressed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Neighborhood Commission Office ("NCO") and the Department of Information Technology ("DIT") to provide the Council with an update on the status of neighborhood board election procedures, including an explanation of any irregularities or technical issues therewith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCO and DIT are requested to submit to the Council a written report within 30 days after the adoption of this resolution on their findings regarding any neighborhood board election irregularities and transmit their findings electronically to every neighborhood board chair; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Neighborhood Commission Office, the Director of Information Technology, and all neighborhood board chairs.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tang Watson
[Signature]

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUN 14 2023

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 06/14/23 By: TOMMY WATERS
MATT WEYER

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL
AFFAIRS (EMLA)

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

06/14/23	INTRO	Introduced.
06/20/23	EMLA	Reported out for adoption. CR-182 9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER
07/12/23	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted. 8 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, WATERS, WEYER 1 ABSENT: TUPOLA

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this
RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER